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For: CO-PROCESSED COMPOSITIONS OF ACIDS
AND WATER SOLUBLE CRYSTALLINE
COMPOUNDS AND RELATED PRODUCTS
AND METHODS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, applicant hereby provisionally elects the claims of Group II, claims 88, 90, 92-96 and 119-128, drawn to a pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product, classified in class 426, subclass 3, with traverse.

Applicants were also required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 88, 92, 95 and 119 to 128 are generic. In response to this requirement, applicants hereby elect chewing gum as the species for further prosecution. This election is made with traverse because applicants believe that all of the indicated species can be examined together without any hardship on the Examiner.

The claims that are readable on the elected species are claims 88, 90, 92, 93, 119 to 128.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 04289-00120-USCO from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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